COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, December 18th, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Meredith, in the chair, Ald. Birrell, Labatt, O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Browne, Moore, Boyd, Hyman, Hunt, Becher, Stringer, and A. S. Abbott, city clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Chas. Stead and 60 other ratepayers of No. 1 Ward—Asking that the Council take measures to prevent the intolerable nuisance placed and maintained by the City Gas Company on Ridout street by manufacturing gas from petroleum, and that said company be restrained from continuing this nuisance in the present vicinity, and that its immediate removal be ordered. No. 2.

Favorite Club—Asking use of the City Hall for Dec 25. Granted.

T. G. Lowe—Complaint in reference to assessment for income. No. 1.

E Yelland—In reference to block pavement assessment rate. No. 1.

H B. Brown—Application for use of the City Hall on Saturday afternoon next for an entertainment. Granted.

Mrs. Hayes—Asking exemption from payment of taxes. No. 1.

Annie Kennedy—Asking remission of taxes. No. 1.

Amos Weston—In reference to taxes for Wellington Street Sewer. No. 1

Honora Kennedy—Asking to be relieved from paying taxes. No. 1.

James Syme and others—A petition in reference to improvements necessary at Carling's Creek. No. 2

Geo. Brown—Praying for tax remission. No. 1

Cigarmakers' Union—For use of City Hall for an assembly on January 25. Granted.

The London Junction Railway Company—Surrender of rights granted under By-law No. 99, running on certain streets. Referred to No. 1 Committee

ACCOUNTS.

Street Railway Company, for 25 cords selected paving stone, $100. No. 2. Committee.

John Ta[illegible]ton, storage of steam roller in 1883, $2[illegible]. No. 1.

REPORT OF NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hunt, chairman.

1. In reference to the lighting of the street lamps for the ensuing five years after the expiration of the present contract, your committee beg leave to report having received the following offers from the City Gas Company:

Offer No. 1. The City Gas Company will light the street lamps for a further period of five years at a rate of 20 per lamp, all other conditions to be the same as those now in force.

Offer No. 2. The Gas Company will supply the city with gas for street lamps at $1 25 per 1,000 feet, the quantity of gas consumed to be ascertained by a meter placed at every tenth lamp, the balance to be averaged from these; the city to undertake the lighting, cleaning and repairs of each lamp.

2. Your committee beg to report that they have received the following offer for the steam fire engine Forest City, and would recommend that the same be adopted:—

"I, Alexander Ferguson, of the Town of Millbrook, hereby offer the corporation of the City of London, the sum of $1 600 for the steam fire engine, Forest City, provided they renew the flues, flue plate and fire box and place her f o b. car in London, the said sum to be paid in cash on delivery on cars not later than December 29, 1883.

Taken up clause by clause.

Ald. Hunt read the following additional offer from Mr. Duffield:

"Lamps lighted every night with [illegible]-foot burners consume 15[illegible]0 feet each per annum; cost of gas per lamp at $1 25 per 1,000, $19; labor per lamp 6; total cost $25. There are three clear nights per month off when the moon is full."

In reply to Ald. Stringer, Ald Hunt gave what information he had received in reference to electric light. He said they had no offer except that of Mr. Duffield to light the city with gas.

Ald. Cowan moved that the offer of the City Gas Company to light the city at $20 per lamp be accepted, terms same as the old contract. No seconder.

Ald. Becher seconded Ald. Boyd's motion.

Ald. Hunt moved in amendment that the offer of Mr. Duffield at $25 per lamp be accepted. No seconder.

Ald Boyd's motion was then carried.

Second clause read and passed.

NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Browne, chairman—Payment of the following accounts:

Pay roll to Dec 6	$94 57
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Total	$189 66
Henry Colerick, painting	[illegible]
Wm. Anthistle, gravel	[illegible] 71
John Bryan, sewer inspection	36 00
Wm. Smith, William street sewer	[illegible]
Screaton & Gibson, Talbot street sewer	400 00
Wm Cathro, Dufferin avenue sewer	45 5[illegible]
Total	$1,429 24

The report was adopted

NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Hyman, chairman:

1 Recommend payment of the Kensington bridge arbitration account, amounting to $[illegible]24 5[illegible].

2. Your committee beg to submit a bylaw to authorize the corporation to borrow from the Canadian Bank of Commerce $125,000

3. Your committee beg to report progress on the petitions of Finlay McNeil and C. A. Kingston.

First clause passed and second read.

THE BYLAW

was read to authorize the borrowing of $125,000 from the Bank of Commerce

The bylaw was read three times and passed; also the third clause of the report.

THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Ald. Stringer moved that No. 1 Committee be authorized to give information by advertising or otherwise for two weeks. Ald. Boyd seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

INVITED TO THE HOSPITAL.

Ald. Hunt said the furnished rooms in the new hospital wing would be allotted on Wednesday next, and he invited the aldermen to be present.

MR. PARRY'S LITTLE BILL.

An account was read from D. H. Parry amounting to $180, for extra work in connection with the preparation of the collectors' roll. Mr. Parry had been assisting the City Clerk, but the latter refused to certify to the correctness of the account. Referred to No. 1 Committee, with power.

Adjourned for two weeks.